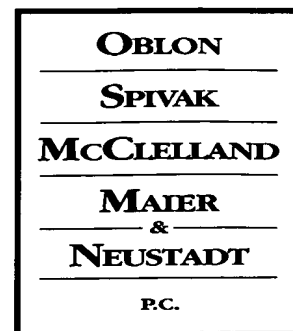


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Respectfully submitted,

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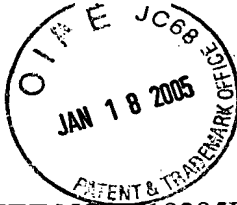
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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated December 16, 2004, the Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I identifying Claims 1-30 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement.

MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-38 be conducted.

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